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1. Norway wants Atlantic Pact details from US--According to US Ambassador Bay in Oslo, the Norwegian Parliament has instructed high Norwegian officials to obtain more complete information on the Atlantic Pact from US officials in Washington. Bay was told that a further objective of the mission was to secure information which would enable the Government to overcome party opposition to the Atlantic Pact. Pro-Atlantic Pact Norwegian officials reportedly hope that a US invitation to the discussions will not be extended to Norway before the conclusion of the Labor Party Congress on 20 February.

(CIA Comment: The Secretary General of the Norwegian Labor Party, who is extremely pro-US, has been given the task of whipping into line the opposition within the Government party. CIA believes that he can succeed if he is able to present authoritative information on Norway's obligations and benefits as envisaged under the Pact.)

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